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SEPTEMBER'S SMILING SKIES

Autumn's Sun Shone Brightly Down Upon the Lines of Old Heroes Marching in the Grand Parade.

Veterans Are Growing Older and Cannot Stand the Fatigue of a Long March as They Once Could, and the Ranks Were Much Thinner Than in Days Gone By.

FAIR ESTIMATE PUTS THE MEN IN LINE AT 22,000

Indiana Made a Magnificent Showing with Over Half the Number of Men in the Procession.

Ovation to General Harrison—Gen. Lew Wallace Marches on Foot—Honor Paid to the Monument and to Morton's Statue—Interesting Incidents of the Day.

OW MANY PEOPLE IN Indianapolis found Monday night all too short it would not be easy to say. Early risers were in the majority, at least yesterday morning. The sound of life and drum pervaded the air and roused the sleepers, while a feeling of expectation, as of some pleasing event stirred everybody to action. It was the day of the Grand Army veterans' parade, and all the town wanted to see. At 4 o'clock people were moving about the streets. Long before what is known in the city as an "early breakfast hour" the downtown thoroughfares were crowded. By 8 o'clock troops were making their way to the rendezvous, and multitudes who were to assume the role of spectators of the annual grand parade were hastening to find good points for sight-seeing. Hours before the first detachment was ready to move Meridian street was lined with people. When at last the advance guard was seen the crowds were dense at all points along the line of march. Men, women, boys and girls, babes in arms, made up the waiting assemblage. At certain points the crush was great, as at the Denison House, about the postoffice corner and near the reviewing stand on Washington street. Whoever was so fortunate as to have a window overlooking the parade was envied by his fellow creatures. Even roofs were in demand. The steps and floor of the soldiers' monument were regarded as vantage ground by hundreds, who, having stationed themselves there, were enabled to get three views of the parade—namely, as it came down Meridian, as it turned east on Market and when it passed along Washington. An immense number of people saw the parade, but owing to the long line of march and the irregular distribution of the crowds it was impossible to estimate their number with accuracy. It was noticeable that when in the procession, other streets quite distant were thronged with people. The beauty and convenience of the wide thoroughfares here were never so apparent before.

The weather was all that could be asked. Croakers who have been predicting rain as "just the Indianapolis luck" were nowhere to be found. If Indianapolis ever had had luck it long ago changed, and yesterday's weather was a case in point. A slight autumn haze moderated the sun's glare, and a breeze stirred the trees that met over Meridian street and sifted the yellowing leaves down on the gray heads of the marching veterans. The atmosphere was full of cheer and welcome, and all the arrangements made in advance for the comfort and convenience of the honored guests were fully carried out. In seeing that marching host which once fought the country's battles, the people here were more than repaid for all their

labor of preparation. If the veterans shall be equally pleased with their reception, no more can be asked.

"You should have seen those men march twenty-eight years ago last May," said a spectator, a young friend whose was looking on, "as I did in the grand review at Washington at the close of the war, from the eastern portico of the treasury. That was marching and o'rag God, may you my boy never see the marching in your lifetime as it comes only from the hardship of campaigns, the discipline of war and the dead peril of the battlefield. But it was magnificent. For a mile the street was filled with lines of men, and the bayonets flashed to and fro in the sunshine. It seemed as if the cadence and away from left to right and from right to left pervaded the whole army. The step was the full regulation stride—a little longer from the assurance of victory. No effort was made to preserve the alignment, yet if a chain line were snapped along the front of one of these columns would have marked it."

They were the same men who passed through the streets of Indianapolis yesterday. But they were not soldiers yesterday, they were citizens today. They were a panorama of the war, for they are not like the war any more, but a living history of the war which accelerated the world's progress, preserved popular government and dealt human slavery a deadly blow.

It occurred to the reader that in the passing columns of the veterans yesterday four-fifths of the regiments and batteries had a representative—that there were men there who could tell the post that single regiments took in all the great battles of the war.

Next came Illinois—the State of Lincoln, Grant and Logan. In yesterday's passing column were men who could tell what sort of a colonel Ulysses S. Grant was, and how he fought his first battle at Belmont. There were men there who, in the common language of the masses, could tell the Federals how they were captured, and the Federal order which caused the words "unconditional surrender" to electrify the North. They could tell you of every battle of the war, and of all the campaigns of the West. And then passed Ohio. We miss one who marched at the head of Ohio's column a year ago—Rutherford B. Hayes—the model American citizen. All who knew him will say, as they recall him:

But O for the touch of a vanished hand, And the sound of a voice that is still!

What great battle was there, what defeat or victory that the survivors of Ohio's gallant men could not tell the story as men in the ranks saw it.

There is Missouri. It was a fearful thing to love and leave to the Union in Missouri during the war. Others left home secure when they went to battle for the Union, but when the loyal men of Missouri enlisted in the Union cause he left home and kindred to fight the guerrilla and bushwhacker. But for the splendid uprising of the Germans of St. Louis in the first days of the war, it might have been lost to the Union cause. What tales of cruelty could these Missourians tell "Take no prisoners," said General Grant, when commanding against the guerrillas.

And there is Massachusetts, and the general men there who could tell the story of first blood in the war in the streets of Baltimore. In that column, there is a man, last year that eager patriot General Butler, received the encomiums of thousands. He has passed over to the silent majority with Grant and Sherman and the illustrious band of leaders.

Pennsylvania and New York, which

furnished so many men to the Army of the Potomac, and gave so many leaders, not all of them, the superb, but all true and valiant. In these columns are men who could tell of the first Bull Run, of the disaster at Fredericksburg, the fiasco at Chancellorsville, and the terrible struggle at Gettysburg.

And what volumes of living history were the thousands of Indiana veterans who marched yesterday. There was not a battle of importance in the war that her sons were not in and contributed their full quota of valor, of blood and of sacrifice.

But why speak of other States equally as patriotic, equally as full of sacrifice of the Republic and of individual glory? They passed through our streets yesterday and received the plaudits of tens of thousands. These histories, war biographies will never be written out. If they should be, special libraries would be necessary to contain the volumes they would make, crowded with incident, recollection and on the ground which the rank and file did during those four years of heroic devotion, of desperate struggle and grand achievement.

PARADE FROM THE GRAND STAND.

Cause of the Delay—About 22,000 Men in Line—A Cursory Review.

A fair estimate of the big parade yesterday of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic shows that there were about 22,000 men in line, the number falling short of expectations on account of the delay of trains bringing the veterans into the city. From noon until 5 o'clock yesterday the trains brought in thousands of the old soldiers, too late, however, for them to take a part in the grand review. Furthermore, half those that were here seemed to prefer watching the others march. The plan for

night from pressing against the sharp wires that were stretched along the middle of the street. The line of march was so well laid out that many thousands were able to see the review without oppressive crowding. Down-town windows fairly swarmed with people of all sorts and conditions, and those who looked on the soldiers from these elevations numbered thousands. Choice seats commanded a premium, while a spectator could not get in the grand stand without paying the excessive price of \$1.50, which was quite frequently characterized as robbery, as veterans pulled out their wallets to pay for a place where they could sit down and watch their more allied comrades go by. Nearly all of the city officials and employees had free seats for themselves and families.

AN ENORMOUS CROWD.

An estimate of the crowd in both sides of the grand stand is placed at four thousand. Balconies had been erected across the street from the stand by private individuals, and these seated almost a thousand. Between Delaware and Alabama streets on Washington the crowd on the roadway and on the sidewalk amounted to almost four thousand.

The reviewing stand, to be occupied by the commander-in-chief and his staff, was kept free from intruders until the head of the parade reached the place. The naval veterans were drawn up along the front of the grand stand, and with their bright gold braid and—some—caps they were a pretty sight. Captain Wirt, with his long hair, and the picturesque individual, while one of the veterans made himself conspicuous by wearing a straw hat and carrying a cane. Jack Norris, bare the standard, hunched closely to the old flag, with his white-gloved hands clutching tightly to the flag

President rose slightly in his seat and acknowledged with a bow the honor shown him. A commission from the reviewing stand soon came out after him and when he came into the reviewing stand and with his guests occupy seats near the commander-in-chief and staff. About this time the smiling man of fine physiognomy, A. G. Wessert, bowed in sight, and he received a royal salute from the crowd. He stopped his horse and dismounted, Col. Eli Lilly and Director General Fortune of the encampment rushing out to receive him. Again the cannon in the distance boomed as the horses of the staff were led prancing down the line by groomers. The commander-in-chief shook hands with ex-President Harrison and other prominent men in the stand, and then took his position in a little alcove that had been built in the reviewing stand. Although suffering from a wound received nearly thirty years ago, this gallant soldier remained on his feet nearly all of the time of the parade, resting only occasionally as there was a break in the column. As the column continued the march there was some cheering, in which all the staff officers took part with a right royal good will. The reviewing stand was a scene of much attention, and it may be said of its riding on a white pony, "It excelled all others." But then the Captain has made riding practically a business for many years. The staff that followed the Commander-in-chief rode like old cavalrymen, and their uniforms would have passed the muster of the most critical general. Again the cry broke out, "Harrison!"

IN THE ILLINOIS COLUMN.

Four crippled veterans was the touching token by which Illinois announced the approach of her column. They rode in a car-

riage, and their presence was a mute address to the people on the duty that country owes to the men who did battle to save it. There were eighteen members of the department committee in the car, and they all fell in with their department in their appearance. The band, which was the first to approach the stand, played "The Red, White and Blue." The people had time to admire the band, their attention was attracted to one of the men in the column, a model of the "Monitor" belching out fire, but no shot, from its side. This was with Farquhar Post, of Chicago, "Damn the torpedoes, go ahead" was the significant motto on the Monitor under a picture of the hero of operations in the Gulf. For and all on this point of vantage yesterday he would have surmised that the air was the distinctive national one of America, for more than half of the band played it in front of the commander-in-chief. The Rockford Post, with its drum corps and enthusiastic band, led the parade. 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